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SUBJECT: MEDIA COVERAGE KENNEDY VISIT

1. SUMMARY: YUGOSLAV VISIT OF SENATOR KENNEDY CONTINUES TO RECEIVE EXTENSIVE PRESS PLAY APRIL 18, INCLUDING PROMINENT PAGE ONE SPACE BOTH LEADING BELGRADE DAILIES AND GENEROUS TV TIME. KENNEDY COMMENTS OF "DISAPPROVAL" OVER SIXTH FLEET MANEUVERS SO FAR NOT PLAYED BOLDLY. END SUMMARY.

2. POLITIKA DEVOTES TWO COLUMNS PAGE ONE (UPPER LEFT) CONTINUING HALFWAY BELOW FOLD TO TANJUG REPORT AND PICTURE OF VISIT WITH TITO, CITING DISCUSSIONS OF "PROBLEMS OF SECURITY IN EUROPE, THE MIDDLEEAST CRISIS, THE ROLE OF NONALIGNED COUNTRIES...", THE PRESENT UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION..."STORY NOTES TALKS JOINED LATER BY EDVARD KARDELJ, MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF FEDERATION. INSIDE ISSUE ARE TANJUG REPORTS ON KENNEDY TALKS WITH FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MIJALKO TODOROVIC, PRIME MINISTER DZEMAL BIJEDIC AND WITH MEMBERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF FEDERAL ASSEMBLY. LATTER THREE STORIES PLAYED COLUMNS ONE AND TWO, TOP OF PAGE TWO.

3. BORBA WRAPS UP SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH TITO AND TODOROVIC IN SAME STORY, THREE COLUMNS PAGE ONE (UPPER LEFT) WITH 3-COLUMN PICUTRE SENATOR AND MRS. KENNEDY, TITO AND MR. AND UNCLASSIFIED

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MRS. KARDELJ. SAME TEXT BROADCAST ON BELGRADE RADIO AFTERNOON

OF APRIL 17.

4. BELGRADE TV 8 P.M. NEWS APRIL 17 LED WITH FIVE MINUTES OF SENATOR'S MEETING WITH TITO, KARDELJ, TODOROVIC AND BIJEDIC. AT 10 P.M., TV NEWS BEGAN WITH WRAPUP DAY'S MEETINGS PLUS FOOTAGE KENNEDY VISIT TO FEDERAL ASSEMBLY.

5. "EXCLUSIVE" INTERVIEW IN POLITIKA EXPRESS APRIL 18 QUOTES SENATOR IN SUB-HEAD AS SAYING "I DISAPPROVE (OF) THE (SIXTH FLEET) MANEUVERS IN ADRIATIC; EUROPE IS CAPABLE (OF MAKING) INDEPENDENT DECISIONS." STORY RUNS TOP RIGHT FOUR COLUMNS ON PAGE FOUR AND INCLUDES PICTURE KENNEDY AND INTERVIEWER BORIVOJ ERDELJAN, ARTICLE CONTINUES, "HE (KENNEDY) EXPRESSED CATEGORICALLY HIS DISAPPROVAL OF RECENTLY HELD U.S. NAVAL MANEUVERS IN ADRIATIC" AND "IT SEEMS TO ME (KENNEDY IS QUOTED) THAT THE U.S. IS ABLE (TO TAKE) PROGRESSIVE STEPS IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN POLICY, THOUGH THIS WAS NOT THE CASE WITH OUR SHIPS MANEUVERING OFF TRIESTE; I DO NOT APPROVE OF (IT), AS THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS -- IN MY OPINION -- DO NOT EITHER."

6. ALL PROVINCIAL PAPERS APRIL 18 PROMINENTLY PRINTED TANJUG STORY AND PICTURE OF KENNEDY-TITO MEETING.

7. RED TANJUG, FOR SELECT CIRCLE OF READERS, CARRIES UNUSUALLY LONG SUMMARY OF FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS OF KENNEDY VISIT, WITH TEN PAGES DEVOTED TO THREE REUTERS, THREE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND THREE UPI ITEMS.
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